



MONROE THIS WEEK

December 16, 2016 Edition No. 47

**Please note: This will be the last issue of Monroe This Week for 2016.
From all of us at City Hall, we wish you all a **Happy Holidays!***

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Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner
Ethics Boardmember (3)

Job Openings

Design & Construction Supervisor
Lateral Police Officer
Senior Planner
www.monroewa.gov/jobs

Events this Week

- 12/16** A Hometown Christmas
By Monroe Concert
Band, Wagner
Performing Arts Center,
639 W. Main St, 7PM
- 12/17** Swing Into Christmas,
East County Senior
Center, \$15, 1PM
- 12/20** City Council Regular
Business Meeting,
Council Chambers, City
Hall, 7PM

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

Be In The Know!

Coffee with the Mayor

Join me Saturday, December 17, 2016, for coffee. I will be at Paesano's, at 14655 Fryelands Blvd, in Monroe from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Bring your questions, comments, or just stop by to say "Hi." I look forward to seeing you!

SR-522 Presentation AND Update

Thank you to John White from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for his presentation on SR-522 to Monroe's City Council last Tuesday. Our community appreciates the work that the committee has done to find ways to improve SR-522 at lower costs. We look forward to a community workshop in January/February 2017 and we look forward to working with Snohomish County, our State, and our federal representatives to finish what was started. View the presentation [here](#).

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, City staff and I met with Senator-Elect Palumbo and County Councilmembers Low and Klein to discuss SR-522. I also met with Representative-Elect John Koster on Friday, December 16, 2016, to discuss SR-522 and our Legislative Priorities for the City. Thank you to Senator-Elect Palumbo, Representative-Elect Koster, and County Councilmembers Low and Klein for meeting with me, City staff, and our lobbyist, to talk about needed improvements to SR-522. I look forward to working with you in this coming legislative session.

**City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons**

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$3,740,803

'16 to 11/30/16: \$4,130,648

UP \$389,846 or 10.42%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 11/30/15: \$644,078

'16 to 11/30/16: \$859,553

UP \$215,476 or 33.45%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$64,134

'16 to 11/30/16: \$76,979

UP \$12,845 or 20.03%

Business License Fees

'15 to 11/30/15: \$42,586

'16 to 11/30/16: \$42,794

UP \$208 or 0.49%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$298,243

'16 to 11/30/16: \$602,615

UP \$304,372 or 102.06%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 11/30/15: \$61,415

'16 to 11/30/16: \$109,180

UP \$47,765 or 77.77%

New House Permits

'15 to 11/30/15: 59

'16 to 11/30/16: 120

UP 61 units or 103.9%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 11/30/15: 13

'16 to 11/30/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 11/30/15: 1,574

'16 to 11/30/16: 2,251

UP 677 or 43.0%

City Administrator Gene Brazel Leaving

Our City Administrator, Mr. Gene Brazel, who has worked for the City of Monroe since 1987, has accepted the position of City Administrator with the City of Lake Stevens. I have had the pleasure of working with Gene over the last few years. Gene is a talented, friendly, person; and has been a very effective City Administrator for Monroe. Simply put, Gene is awesome. I know Gene will do well for the City of Lake Stevens. We will miss you, Gene!!!

Monroe Board and Commissions Vacancies

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following City Board and Commission open positions:

- 1 - Salary Commissioner (Vacant term ending 12/31/2018)
- 1 - Ethics Boardmember (Vacant term ending 12/31/2017)
- 1 - Ethics Boardmember (Vacant term ending 12/31/2017)
- 1 - Ethics Boardmember (Vacant term ending 12/31/2019)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 6, 2017
[First Review; Open Until Filled]

Salary Commission – reviews and establishes the salaries of the mayor and the councilpersons and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties set forth by RCW 35.21.015. See Monroe Municipal Code 2.24.060; and City of Monroe Ordinance No. 001/2015 for additional information.

Ethics Board - investigates, conducts hearings, and renders advisory opinions concerning accusations against city officials of violations of ethics or conflicts of interest; also reviews and recommends periodic updates to the city's ethics Policy and its applicability.

For additional information regarding board/commission qualifications, duties, and meeting times, please contact the City Clerk's Office: esmoot@monroewa.gov; 360-863-4538.

211

Need help finding training, employment, food banks, shelter, and assistance for aging parents, addiction prevention, programs for teens, affordable housing options, or support groups? Call 211 from any telephone.

Shop With A Cop

This week the Monroe Police Officer's Association hosted fifteen children at the 3rd annual "Shop With A Cop" event at Walmart in Monroe. Each child was able to spend up to \$125, many choosing to buy gifts for family members as well as themselves. A big thanks to Walmart for grant money to assist with the program and the dinner and filled stockings they provided for each child. This was another great event with our Community.

Safety Message

The holiday season is in full swing and we hope you and your family can celebrate together. *Did you know, nearly half of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source?*

As you start decorating, Fire District No. 7 wanted to remind you of some holiday safety tips:

- ❖ Remember to choose decorations that are flame resistant and to keep all decorations away from any heat source.
- ❖ Use clips, not nails to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- ❖ Most of all, before you head off to bed or out the door, blow out all candles and turn off all light strings.

Fire District No. 7 wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!